



**The        Solution is Growing in our Fields**

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All across South Dakota, families are struggling with skyrocketing gas prices. With

But what can be done? There is a two part answer. First, we have to take short-term

In the short term, there are things Congress can do to help, but only if we have the

Last year I also became an original cosponsor of the FREE Act, which stands for F

I am also supportive of a temporary relaxation of some environmental and shipping

Looking long term, we must begin the process of weaning ourselves off of fossil fuels.

Those of us in South Dakota have believed for quite some time that renewable bioenergy is the future.

We know that our addiction to oil costs us a great deal - both at the pump and in terms of our environment.

Unfortunately, for the last six years, we've been fighting a tough battle against big oil interests.

The special interests and the long time foes of renewable energy will put up a fight.

In coming weeks, I'll be releasing details of my new legislation that calls for historic investments in renewable energy.

When it comes to renewable energy, we have been blazing the trail in South Dakota



